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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/806,401	Applicant(s) ASADA, ATSUHISA	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the "different pole pair structures" of the two resolvers must be shown (Claims 1, 3, 5, 7), or the features canceled from the claim. No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency.

Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. The disclosure is objected to as follows:

In the Spec

Priority cannot be claimed via a foreign application, nor can a foreign application be incorporated into the disclosure, as indicated under "Cross-Reference to Related Applications.

In the Claims

- a. Claim 1 - the body of the claim lacks steps, to correspond with the preamble, "A method for..." (emphasis added).

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- b. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 - in line 5, "pole pairs different number" should be "pole pairs having a different number", or similar. In the same claims, "absolute rotational position" lacks antecedent basis.
- c. Claims 2, 4, 6 and 8 - "is memorized at the memory means" should be "is input to the memory means", or similar.

3. **Claims 1, 3, 5, and 7** are objected per 37 CFR 1.75 as being substantial duplicates of each other - the bodies of the claims are substantially identical. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

4. **Claims 1-8** are allowable upon resolution of the above-mentioned objections.

Prior art does not disclose an electric power steering device comprising, *inter alia*, two resolvers for detecting steering angles, the second resolver including pole pairs of a different number than that of the first resolver, and a speed ratio calculation means for obtaining a speed ratio between a steering shaft and a motor.

5. The prior art considered pertinent to the disclosure, but not relied upon, include:
Shimizu et al 6679350, Miller 6422335, Strothmann 6598490, Bieber et al 4897603.

6. Communication with the USPTO/Examiner

Any inquiry concerning this communication, or others, may be directed to Ms. Lum at 571 272-6649, M-F, 9-5. If she cannot be reached, her supervisor, Ms. Lesley Morris, may be reached at 571 272-6651. Our fax number is ~~7103 872-9300~~ **571 273 6300**

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Ms. Lee Lum-Vannucci
Examiner
7/19/05

